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Monday, January 14, 1952.

This morning, Ambassador Griffin, who has a roving mission for the Far East on behalf of MSA, came to see me with Harry Labouisse. He thinks the present Vietnam government is very weak and has no real following amongst the people. He is going from here to London, and then home where he will make recommendations as to what might be done to improve the situation there.

Harold Linder came to see me to talk about East-West trade problems.

I then had a visit from M. Wehrer, the new Luxemburg minister. Like all Luxemburgers whom I have met, he is very affable and jolly.

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We had lunch with Mrs. Gulbenkian in her huge house on avenue d'Iéna. I talked there to the Turkish Ambassador about the entry of Turkey into NATO. I also had a conversation with the Portuguese Ambassador about the forthcoming Lisbon meeting. He said that it would be impossible for them to take care of this conference if it is postponed

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later than January 16. In preparation for it, they have had to cancel many tourist reservations.

Doug MacArthur came to see me this afternoon, and we discussed the European Army Force.

Brose Chambers and Bob Blake called on me in connection with the Saint Lô Hospital. An American architect, Paul Nelson, has written Drew Pearon complaining of mismanagement on the part of Americans connected with the project. This complaint is without substance. However, there is not enough American or French money available to complete the building. We made every effort to have the American Army take it over, finish it, and use it for its purposes. This effort was not successful, it being felt [illegible] it was too far from those centers where American troops are concentrated.

Harold Callender came to see me to talk about the EDF. He was followed by Mr. Gibbs ~~of Time & Life~~ who was interested in the same subject, as well as in the French political situation. This situation has not changed in the last few

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days since Edgar Faure is still attempting to form a cabinet.

Paul Birdsall, Bob Thayer and Bill Tyler came to talk to me about various personnel problems connected with Paul's probable recall to Washington to take on an important position there.

Tonight the Bonsals, the Makaroffs, the Julian Allens and the Peabody Gardners came to dinner with us. Mrs. Gardner is a former Russian ballet dancer and [redacted] attractive. We had [redacted] Romanée Conti 1934, which was rather disappointing.

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